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City of Salem Youth Coach Pitch (Boys & Girls)

The purpose of Youth Recreational Athletic Leagues is to provide an enjoyable experience for each youth participant, while developing character, skills, sportsmanship, and promoting good will among all teams and individuals. Although sports are competitive by nature; the City of Salem Parks and Recreation Department's intentions are to place less emphasis on winning, while promoting the building of lifetime physical activity and health for each participant.

By Laws:

The City of Salem's Youth Baseball league is governed by the **"National Federation of State High School Associations"** rules unless otherwise stated in these bylaws.

League	Ages	Game Length	Playing Field	Ball Used
Coach Pitch (No Score Kept)	Second yr. 7's and 8's	4 innings or 1 hour 15 minutes	Bases- 60ft (Coaches Pitches @ 30ft.	Level 5 RIF (reduced injury factor)

Age Classification

- Age determined on or before April 30th of the current season for Boys (Dixie League Cut-off).
- Age determined on or before January, 1 of the current season for Girls (RAYSA League Cut-off).

Playing Up

- Every player must play one (1) year in each age division before they are eligible to move up to the next age division unless denied by sanctioning league (Dixie).
- Once a player chooses to move up in age divisions they must remain in that division and will not be allowed to "play down" for the remainder of that season or any season there after.
- No participant will be allowed to "play down" in any age division unless otherwise approved by the recreation department (i.e. medical condition, etc.).

Home/Visitor Benches

- The home team will occupy the third base bench
- The visiting team will occupy the first base bench.

Coaches/Background Screenings/Coaches ID Badges

- Each team is permitted four (4) coaches
- Every coach (head and assistant must be approved through the background screening policy.
- Every coach (head and assistant) must wear their Coaches ID Badges during all games and practices. Coaches will not be allowed on the field and or dugout with out badge.

Rained-Out Games Policy

- Any weekday that school is cancelled because of bad weather, practices and games will be called off for that night.
- Weather Cancellation Hotline: 966-6900

Game Schedules, League Standings and Rescheduled Games

- Game schedules are available on the City of Salem Website: www.salemva.gov
- Coaches will be notified via email or phone call of reschedules

Regulation Game

- A regulation game will be 4 innings or 1 hour and fifteen (15) minutes. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 15 minutes from the scheduled start of the game.
- Any game that is called because of inclement weather will be considered a complete game if 2 complete innings have been played.

Umpires

- Coaches will be used as umpires for all games. Coach pitching will make all calls in field of play.

Batting

- All players present from the official team roster will bat in a continuous batting order throughout the entire game.
- Each batter gets seven (7) pitches to put the ball in play but an at-bat will not end on a foul ball. If the 7th pitch is a foul ball, one more pitch will be thrown.
- There will be no walks and no strike outs.
- Runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. When the ball is in the possession of an infielder in the infield and has stopped the lead runner, the umpire shall stop play. When all defensive players are in their proper position the umpire shall call "Play Ball" and the next batter takes his place at bat.
- An inning will consist of 3 outs or 7 batters, whichever comes first. For the next innings, the lineup will resume where it stopped the previous inning.

Defense

- Each team will field the normal nine defensive positions. All remaining plays will play in the outfield (players must be located in the outfield grass).
- A coach must request "time" to correct a fielder, runner or batter during the game. A coach may only call "time" twice during one inning.
- If the 7th batter gets a hit, play will stop when any player, with the ball in his/her possession, tags home plate. (Was 10th batter).
- All balls must be thrown to the base when attempting to throw a runner out. The runner will be safe if the ball is rolled on the ground.
- On overthrows to first base, one base will be given. On overthrows to bases other than first, runners shall advance at their own risk.

Bats

- Regular Season Play- All bats must be official Dixie Baseball or Little League Baseball bats.

Slide Rule

- All players must make an attempt to slide when a play is being made at home plate. If an attempt to slide is not made, the runner is out and all players must return to the last base touched.

Coach/Spectator/Player Ejection

- Any player ejected from a game will be automatically suspended for the team's next game and practices during that time.
- Any coach or spectator ejected from a game will be automatically suspended for the team's next two (2) games and practices during that time.
- Any player or coach ejected from two (2) games in one season will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- During the suspension, which starts immediately after the altercation, the coach, player or spectator must leave the City of Salem property immediately and will not be allowed to be present at the games or the practices until the suspension has expired. If they refuse to leave or attempt to come back before the suspension is over they will be suspended for the remainder of the season. This includes any altercation before or after a game.
- Additional penalties may be added at the discretion of the City of Salem Department of Parks and Recreation.

- All decisions made by the Parks and Recreation Department are final.

Kiwanis Field: Batting Cage Rules and Regulations

- Batting Cages are available Monday – Friday after 6:30p and all day on Saturday and Sunday. Please note that on days when Roanoke College and Salem High School has a game scheduled, the cages will not be available for use until after that game has begun.
- Do not allow anyone to stand any closer than six (6) feet from the outside edge of the net. Allow only one (1) batter and one (1) machine operator in the cage at a time.
- Operator must use a protective screen and batter must wear a helmet at all times.
- Park vehicles in designated areas only. Do not park in the Florida Street Center parking lot.
- No alcoholic beverages or weapons of any kind allowed.
- No skates, skateboards, bikes or pets are allowed on City property.
- Anyone under eighteen (18) years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- The City of Salem is not responsible for any accidents or injuries while using the batting cages or other facilities.
- No food, beverages or coolers will be allowed in the batting cages.
- Warm-up in designated areas only. (Players warming up must do so outside the cage.)
- Only shoes with rubber or molded soles can be worn inside the cages. No spikes allowed.
- **Batting Cage Combination: 1-1-1-9**